

Additional Information: Bylaw 2017-18

Registered Speaker:

Mern Scheidl

Additional Written Submission:

One written submission (email) was received after publication of the Agenda Package, and is attached for Council's review.

Feinan Long

From: Feinan Long
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Feinan Long
Subject: FW: Land use bylaw amendment

Importance: High

From: dankuva [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 4:17 AM
To: Inquiries <Inquiries@parklandcounty.com>
Subject: Land use bylaw amendment

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Spruce Grove Gun Club ("SGGC")

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Parkland County Land Use Bylaw amendment that would exclude outdoor gun ranges from the definition of "outdoor participation recreation and services" in areas zoned for country residential development.

This is unfair, as Parkland County rezoned the area where the Spruce Grove Gun Club (SGGC) is located in 2009, almost 40 years after the club was established.

The SGGC has been an essential part of our community for 45 years, and provides the safest environment to teach, learn and enjoy sport shooting. The SGGC has provided confirmation, beyond doubt, that it operates well within Parkland County's bylaws and, beyond the satisfaction of the Federal Range Requirements. It is simply, the safest outdoor shooting range in Canada.

Beyond the SGGC being a recreational facility, it is a training and certification range for organizations, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Edmonton Police;
- (ii) Alberta Sheriffs Branch;
- (iii) Royal Canadian Army/Air Force/Sea/Police Cadets;
- (iv) 4-H Club;
- (v) Junior Forest Wardens; and
- (vi) Alberta/Spruce Grove Fish and Game Youth Programs;
- (vii) Edmonton Swiss Rifle Club;
- (viii) International Practical Shooting Confederation;
- (ix) International Defensive Pistol Association;
- (x) Organized Sporting Clay shoots;
- (xi) Wild Rose Action Shooters; and
- (xii) Alberta Schuetzen Guild

Members of SGGC not only endorse safety, but require it in all aspects of the club. They employ a full-time Range Manager, paid for by the members, complete with cameras on every range and a classroom suited for 60 people, multiple Range Safety Officers who volunteer their time, and a full board of directors who strive to meet and exceed every requirement set before them by Parkland County and Federal Range Requirements.

I would be grateful if you could take into consideration the effects this decision will have on the 900 SGGC members and other organizations that no longer have a safe place to train recreationally or professionally. I urge you to vote against this land-use bylaw amendment in the interest of the community, its economy and its safety.

Thank you your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Daniel Kuva